

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A bicycle saddle ~~having~~ comprising:  
a seat portion ~~spaced apart with~~ having load supporting surfaces ~~comprising~~ laterally spaced apart;  
a nose portion ~~(9)~~ extending forwardly from the seat portion ~~(2)~~ between the supporting surfaces and which is longitudinally with the end of the nose portion contiguous with the seat portion rebated into the central area of the forward end of the seat portion; and  
a hinge that is flexible and laterally rigid connecting said nose portion to said seat portion.

2.-4. Cancelled.

5. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle is as defined in claim 2 12 wherein ~~the resilience is provided at least in part by said hinge further comprises~~ a tension spring ~~(10)~~ between the nose portion ~~(9)~~ and seat portion ~~(2)~~.

6. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 5 ~~wherein further comprising an adjustment means (11) are provided~~ wherein further comprising an adjustment means (11) are provided to vary the tension in the spring.

7. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 6 wherein the adjustment means is a screw ~~(11)~~ engaging one end of the tension spring ~~(10)~~.

8. (currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 3 1 wherein the spring plate ~~(4)~~ is secured to the under surfaces of the nose portion ~~(9)~~ and seat portion ~~(2)~~ and forms the hinge between these portions.

9. Cancelled.

10. (Currently amended) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 in which the saddle components are ~~integrally moulded~~ molded from synthetic resin materials so as to form a unit.

11. Cancelled.

12. (New) A bicycle saddle as defined in claim 1 wherein the hinge comprises a spring plate positioned between and secured to the nose portion and the seat portion.